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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2005, and is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal on July 14, 2005. A petition for a five month extension of time, from September 14, 2005 to and including February 14, 2006, is enclosed. The Office is respectfully requested to withdraw the appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

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